

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF
MARCH 10, 2014**

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Schweitzer brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Schweitzer led the Commission and others present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

III ROLL CALL

Members Present: Schweitzer, Cascarilla, Laforet, Gabriel, MacLaren,
McConnell, Mudry, and Ruswinckel

Members Absent: Lathrop

IV APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION BY MACLAREN, SECONDED BY GABRIEL, THAT THE
AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. CARRIED
8-0.**

V APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION BY MCCONNELL, SECONDED BY MUDRY, THAT THE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2014 PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING, AND THE SUMMARY RECORD OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR CASE NO. 1-14-1, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT FOR A GROUP
DAY CARE, APPLICANT IS TAUNYA SIMS, 118 HUME, AND THE
SUMMARY RECORD OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASE NO. 1-14-2,
SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT FOR A GROUP DAY CARE, APPLICANT
IS KIM WANAMAKER, 124 JULIAN, AND THE SUMMARY RECORD
OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASE NO. 1-14-3, SPECIAL LAND USE
PERMIT FOR AN INSTITUTIONAL USE FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
FOR THE DISABLED AND ADULT FOSTER CARE, 1020 AND 1038
EASTBURY DRIVE, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE.
CARRIED 8-0.**

VI CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

VII CORRESPONDENCE - None

VIII OLD BUSINESS – None

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IX PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Case No. 2-14-4, Rezoning Request from O, Office, to B2, Community Commercial, Applicant is Art Baryames, 6334 West. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan 48917.**

(Summary Record of Public Hearing is filed under a separate cover.)

X OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission Ethics Discussion.

Assistant Community Development Director Gary Bozek noted that at the February 24th Planning Commission meeting, Commissioner McConnell requested that the Commission discuss Ex Parte Communications. He noted that this had been discussed by the Commission in the past and that staff had provided the Commission with the July 14, 2003 Planning Commission minutes at which that occurred. He also attached a copy of the American Planning Association's Ethical Principles in Planning.

Mr. McConnell noted that his request for discussion wasn't necessarily to establish policy, but rather to establish awareness that the Commission, as a group, understood the issues and were agreeable on protocol.

After discussing this issue, it was the consensus of the Commission that having contact outside of a public meeting was acceptable as long as Commissioner's acted individually and not on behalf of the Commission as a whole.

XI PLANNING DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Community Development Director Mark Graham informed the Commission that a driveway on Iris Street collapsed which left a 14 to 16 foot hole due to a collapsed storm drain. The storm drain has since been repaired, as well as the driveway. He noted that staff was in the process of preparing maps of streets within the Township that had flooded in the past. These maps have been placed on the Township's GIS system so that they could be updated every year. Mr. Graham said the maps also helped staff to determine where storm drain improvements were needed. He noted in preparation for applying for a grant, the Township has proposed a central pathway in the vicinity of Grand River and the Delta Mills Park on the south side of Old River Trail and extend ½ mile to the Hunter's Ridge entrance. He noted that another connection would be on Canal to the Township's Community Center. Mr. Graham informed the Commission that the Township had a problem with its trail system in that there weren't enough trail heads where people could park their cars and use the pathways. He indicated that

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the Township had originally proposed a pathway along the Carrier Creek, but construction of a pathway became cost prohibitive due to the demographics of the area.

XII PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - None

XIII ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY MACLAREN, SECONDED BY GABRIEL, THAT THE
MEETING BE ADJOURNED. VOICE VOTE. CARRIED 8-0.**

Chairperson Schweitzer adjourned the meeting at ? **p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Laforet, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Anne Swink